

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 3, 2018

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Ann Taylor, Vice Chair

Roll Call:

Kathryn Burns, Modesto
Renee Rhoy, Ceres
Ann Taylor, Patterson – Vice Chair
Nina Ellison, Stanislaus County

Absent:

Kavishti Kokaram, DVM – Chair

Unfilled Positions:

Hughson
Waterford

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.

Dignitaries and Guests:

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment:

Karen Mosser provided brochures for the Cat Network of Stanislaus County and ACT in Stockton, briefly explaining their services and discounts and an overview of Trap, Neuter, Release.

2. Approved the Minutes of April 5, 2018 meeting: (Rhoy/Burns – 4/0)

3. Presentation - Committee Member Renee Rhoy's Visit to Front Street Shelter, Sacramento, CA:

Renee said the Front Street program is extremely organized. There is monthly foster training that includes training for bottle babies and basic animal care. There are specific phone numbers for Volunteer Foster parents to call that go directly to a staff member who works 4/10 hour days. The phone is handed off to another staff member for the balance of the week. A contact list is provided that includes after hours care, which must be pre-approved. Pre-wean kittens arriving later in the day are requested to be brought back the next morning and are sent back with a care package and instructions for the night. There is a supply room with a check out system for litter, litter pans, food, bottles, formula, etc.

4. Discuss a Vet for Pets Program:

Ann Taylor reviewed nine programs including those for Service Dogs, which requires a lot of training, and Companion Animals. Companion Animals sounds like something the ASAC and SASA could utilize. Wounded Hero's from Kern County is a 100% non-profit organization and may help connect us with grants for the program. Ann suggests she and Kathryn Burns take a trip to Kern County to get first-hand information to bring back to the next meeting.

5. Director's Report:

a. Best Friends is up and running. Amanda Kokaram is the coordinator and Heather Bearsby is the trapper, they will be working TNR throughout our area for the next three years.

b. New programs, such as removing breed labels, Facial Recognition for lost pets and a Program between the Sheriff's Office and SASA utilizing REACT center inmates to assist with the feeding, watering and cleaning in the mornings and then being trained in grooming and dog training, etc. in the afternoons.

c. The State Theatre recently held a fund raiser with proceeds going toward the self-watering system for the kennels. A number of people supported the fund raiser and brought their dogs to enjoy the movie. (There were approximately 200 dogs present.) Watch for another fund raiser coming later in May.

d. There has been a grant submitted through the ASPCA for QLess. This is like a quick pass a Disneyland, where you keep your place in line, but don't have to physically be in line.

e. PetCo has our cats for adoption, seven days a week and dogs on weekends. Dog is My Co-Pilot continues monthly, taking about 100 dogs each trip. Look for an exciting event coming up in August 2018. Annette will share more at a later date. Valley Pet Care is open next door. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from noon until 5p.m.

6. Future Agenda Items: Approve minutes, Pets for Vets, Foster Program.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.

Note: Those unable to attend, call Linda Ford at 209-342-1742